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In re Application of :
David F. Zhou et al :
Serial No.: 10/766,135 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: January 27, 2004 :
For: Specimen Collection and Storage and :
Transport Device and Method :

This is in response to applicants' petition filed January 27, 2004, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the merits as it relates HIV/AIDS.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, X. Therefore the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision..

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